

Application for Free Library Service: Individuals

Please complete this application, print it out, have it signed by the certifying authority, and send it by mail, email, or fax to the Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library at: 388 SE 6th Ave, Faribault, MN 55021-6340; Fax: 507-333-4832; Email: mn.btbl@state.mn.us.

Please print or type

Name:(Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle) _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Alternate Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

Alternative contact if you cannot be reached for an extended period:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Veterans: Persons who are blind or have a print disability who have been honorably discharged from the United States military receive preference in the lending of books, recordings, playback equipment, musical scores, instructional texts, and specialized materials (Public Law 89-522).

Check here if you were honorably discharged from the United States military.

Indicate the primary disability preventing you from reading printed material.

- Blindness Physical Disability Deaf/Blindness
 Visual Impairment Reading Disability

If you also have a hearing impairment, please indicate the degree of hearing loss:

- Moderate – Some difficulty hearing and understanding speech
 Profound – Cannot hear or understand speech

NOTE: Personal information is confidential except for those portions defined by law as public information. To learn what information provided on this application form may be released to other individuals, institutions, or agencies, please consult the agency to which you are submitting this application.

Eligibility of blind and other print-disabled persons for loan of library materials

The following people are eligible for service: residents of the United States, including territories, insular possessions, and the District of Columbia, and American citizens living abroad, provided they meet one of the following criteria:

1. An individual who is blind or has a visual impairment that makes them unable to comfortably read print books.
2. An individual who has a perceptual or reading disability.
3. An individual who has a physical disability that makes it hard to hold or manipulate a book or to focus or move the eyes as needed to read a print book.

Please see www.loc.gov/nls/about/eligibility-for-nls-services for the full eligibility terminology.

Certifying Authority

Eligibility must be certified by one of the following: doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy, ophthalmologist, optometrist, psychologist, registered nurse, therapist, or professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public or welfare agencies (such as an educator, social worker, case worker, counselor, rehabilitation teacher, certified reading specialist, school psychologist, superintendent, or librarian).

To be completed by Certifying Authority

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I certify that this applicant is eligible for NLS services.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A typed or handwritten signature is acceptable after certifying data is completed.

BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) is a web-based, password-protected service that provides access to thousands of audio and braille books, magazines, and music scores available from NLS. The service is available as an application on a Windows or Mac computer or on an iOS or Android device. The mobile application, known as BARD Mobile, includes built-in playback capability so you can enjoy talking books anytime, anywhere.

Service delivery for library materials (check all that apply)

- I have a personal mobile device (iPhone, Android, iPad, or Kindle Fire) and Internet or cellular access. I want to download digital talking books and/or eBraille materials to read instantly with the free BARD Mobile application. **Please provide your email address for BARD registration.**
- I have a personal mobile device and would like to access the free BARD Mobile application, but I would also like materials sent to my home by USPS. Please select the types of materials you want mailed to your home. (Check all that apply.)
 - Digital talking books and magazines on cartridge/flash drive
 - Hardcopy braille books and magazines
 - Large print books and magazines
 - Music appreciation/braille or large-print scores/instructional talking books and magazines on cartridge/flash drive
- I do NOT have a personal mobile device. I want my library to send books by USPS to my home. I would like materials in the following format. (Check all that apply)
 - Digital talking books and magazines on cartridge/flash drive
 - Hardcopy braille books and magazines
 - Large print books and magazines
 - Music appreciation/braille or large-print scores/instructional talking books and magazines on cartridge/flash drive

(Note: The NLS Music program does not provide recorded music for recreational listening.)

Accessories for digital talking-book player:

- USB flash drive adapter (lets you use a personal flash drive with the player)
- Headphones
- High volume player and headphones (solely for use by readers with profound hearing loss; requires separate application)
- Digital talking-book (DTB) cartridge cable (used to connect a DTB cartridge to a USB port on a computer)
- USB Breath Switch (issued only to readers unable to use player buttons; requires separate application)

How did you learn about the NLS free library service? Check up to three:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Affairs/Defense Health Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Health Care Professional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School | <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Rehabilitation Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend/Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer/Support Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Event/Expo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TV Ad | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio Ad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Ad (specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet/Social Media (specify below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) | |

Reading Preferences (Optional): Complete the following if you want library materials sent by home delivery, USPS Free Matter for the Blind

Reading Preferences: Check A or B

- A. Do not select books for me. Send only the specific titles that I request.
- B. I wish to have books selected for me.

Note: If you select Option B, we need to know information about your reading interests. Please check all the types of books or subjects you prefer.

Age Range: Adult Titles Young Adult Titles Children's Titles, Grade: _____

Subject Category:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure | <input type="checkbox"/> Bestsellers/Fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Bestsellers/Nonfiction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biography | <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Classics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> History (U.S. or World) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mystery/Detective |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology/Self-Help | <input type="checkbox"/> Romance | <input type="checkbox"/> Science Fiction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Suspense | <input type="checkbox"/> War/War Stories | <input type="checkbox"/> Westerns |

Please indicate additional titles, authors, genres, or topics:

- I do not wish to receive books that contain (check all that apply):
- Strong language Violence Explicit descriptions of sex
- I am interested in receiving books in languages other than English (please list other languages):

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

An approved **Application for Free Library Service** entitles you to use all the additional services available from both the **Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library** in Faribault and **State Services for the Blind's Communication Center** in St. Paul.

Check the services that you want:

Radio Reading Service, Radio Talking Book. A free news and information service that broadcasts daily newspapers, current magazines and periodicals, and a wide variety of books to appeal to a diverse range of interests, 24/7. Available as an Alexa Skill on Amazon devices, through an app on Apple and Android smartphones and tablets, on our website, and on Paul Bunyan Cable. **(check all that apply):**

Mobile App Internet Streaming Alexa-enabled device

Radio Talking Book News. Monthly featured books airing on Radio Talking Book.

Audio Braille Large Print

Transcription Services. Textbooks, reference books, manuals and other printed documents needed for work, school or leisure may be requested. If not available from the Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library in Faribault, or other national sources, books may be transcribed into a digital, tape or braille formats by Communication Center volunteers.

NFB-NEWSLINE® for the Blind. A free service providing access to local and national newspapers. Using a touch-tone phone or computer, you may access the **Star Tribune, St. Paul Pioneer Press, the Duluth News Tribune**, and over 500 other out-of-state and national newspapers and magazines including the **Grand Forks Herald, USA Today, Wall Street Journal**, and the **New York Times**.

Bi-monthly catalogs. A listing of new audio or braille titles. Please check the format(s) most helpful for you. Issues are sent every other month.

Talking Book Topics lists new audio books: Audio Large Print

Braille Book Review lists new braille books: Braille Large Print

MBTBL Newsletter: Audio Braille Large Print Email

Descriptive Video Service. Videos with added narration. **(check all that apply):**

DVD VHS

Return of Equipment

If this equipment is not being used for reading recorded material provided by the Library of Congress or needs repair, please return it to the Communication Center, 2200 University Ave W, Ste 240, Saint Paul, MN 55114

Where to Send Application:

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CONFIDENTIALITY

In accordance with the Minnesota Data Practices Act, Chapter 13, personal information you provide on this application is confidential. Minnesota Statutes 171.31 requires that this information is shared with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. If you have a visual disability, signing this application may affect your status as a licensed driver. Under federal law, this information is provided to the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled.

For additional information, call or write:

Communication Center

2200 University Ave W #240
St. Paul, MN 55114-1840
1-800-722-0550 (toll-free)

OR

Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library

388 SE 6th Ave
Faribault, MN 55021-6340
507-333-4828 (local)
1-800-722-0550 (toll-free)

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